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CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

The State Board of Education a few days ago announced April 2 to 4 as the dates for the annual California Music Conference. The meeting will be held in Fresno. Dr. Alexander Roberts, president of the San Francisco State Teachers College, will deliver the keynote address to State music teachers on "Music and the Social Program."

Construction of California's new custodial institution for the criminal insane is progressing rapidly at Mendocino State Hospital, and the State's plan for segregation of mentally diseased persons with definite anti-social tendencies will soon be in operation.

Organization of a passenger airplane line to make four trips between Oakland, Stockton, and Sacramento was announced last week at Oakland by J. T. Hurst and A. H. Fefele of the Mutual Aircraft Corporation of Los Angeles. Other lines are contemplated between Eureka and San Francisco, and between Oakland, Modesto, Bakersfield and Fresno.

A domestic water supply for Redding, Shasta county, to be secured from wells east of the city, rather than from the Sacramento river, was tentatively approved recently by the State Board of Health. Unless serious protests develop, the proposal submitted by the California Water Service Company is expected to receive definite approval from the State board at its next meeting.

William Edward Hickman left Los Angeles and the scene of his atrocious crime last week. He was whisked to San Quentin under guard to await hanging of April 27. "The Fox" was sentenced to life imprisonment by Superior Judge Elliot Craig the day he left Los Angeles. At the same time Welby Hunt, his younger accomplice in the murder of Clarence Ivy Toms, received a life term. Hickman is also under sentence to the gallows for the kidnapping and murder of Marion Parker.

State expenditures totaling approximately \$4,250,000 are involved in highway and bridge projects on which the State department of public works will take action during the present month. It was announced last week by Bert B. McGinnis, department director. Contracts will be awarded or bids requested by the State on bridge and road building in nearly a score of counties before the end of March, McGinnis said.

Gasoline consumption for the United States increased 12.4 per cent during 1927. In making the announcement a few days ago the American Road Builders' Association at Washington also stated that California led all the States with 1,017,681,000 gallons. All but three States are now imposing a gasoline tax. New York, Illinois and Massachusetts being the exceptions, and the association predicted that total gas tax collections would exceed \$200,000,000.

The crime of issuing a fictitious check cannot be wiped out in California simply by returning the money. Superior Judge J. R. Hughes so ruled a few days ago at Sacramento in the case of Arthur Nichols, who sought to escape punishment by arranging to cover a worthless check for \$40 which he had previously admitted issuing. Nichols was ordered to Folsom prison for an indeterminate sentence.

During the month of March the California Vehicle act in respect to proper signalling by motorists will be rigidly enforced. A bulletin to that effect was sent a few days ago to all County Captains of the State Police by Frank G. Snook, chief of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Snook pointed out that all signalling must be done within fifty feet of the contemplated turn and that the signalling must be continuous while the motorist is approaching the turning zone. The motorist official deplored the use of three fingered signalling and advocated the use of the full hand in the signalling maneuvers.

A provisional estimate by the census bureau at Washington a few days ago placed the population of the United States as of July 1, 1928, at 120,013,000, an increase of 14 per cent over the 106,710,620 actual count on January 1, 1920. The next federal census will not be taken before 1930. Florida, where the population was estimated to have increased about forty-eight per cent between 1920 and 1928, showed the greatest gain, although a 35 per cent increase was indicated for California, and nearly 30 per cent gain for Michigan. The complete California figures are: 1920 census, 3,426,861; 1928 estimate, 4,566,060.

State employees should be pensioned after thirty years' service from a fund created by monthly payments of employees and matched by an equal amount from the State, the State pension commission was told by approximately 100 State employees at a hearing in the senate chamber at Sacramento last week. The minimum pension would be \$30 monthly with a disability clause after ten years of service. The State should also refund the amount that the employee had paid in if death should occur before reaching the age of retirement, the commission was told.

"Horn-face," the famous rhinoceros of Yosemite Valley, is dead. The valiant leader of the park herd succumbed to an appetite for gum drops. His dead body was found at the foot of El Capitan, an empty candy bag beside his antlered head. "Horn-face" was known to thousands of tourists because of the queer bony horn projecting from his upper jaw.

Alfred J. Salisbury, 91, who drilled the first oil well in California, and who is credited with having drilled one of the first deep oil wells in the world, died at his home in Los Angeles last week. Salisbury came to California 68 years ago.

Contending there are so many penal statutes now that a citizen can scarcely move without violating a law, Superior Judge Ernst Weyand of Colusa county has recommended to the California State Crime Commission that all statutes punishing actions "not actually criminal in themselves" be repealed.

It costs the lumber men of California \$2,000,000 a year to meet the board bill of bugs. Not only does the board bill of wood-eating insects reach an average total of \$2,000,000 a year, according to officials of the State Division of Forestry, but the millions of board feet of lumber consumed by insects during 1927 involved a loss several times greater than all California forest fires for the same period.

Declaring that no price discount has been offered the State for purchase of service station gasoline and oils and that all companies have submitted practically the same offer, State Purchasing Agent W. G. McMillin a few days ago announced rejection of all bids. McMillin stated competition for the business of the State, a large user of gas and oils, will be demanded in future bidding.

A Sacramento county jury is to consider again this month whether six convict leaders in perhaps the bloodiest prison break of western annals shall escape the noose. The murdered convict is one of thirteen guards. And the uprising of last November. And the question of the death penalty is the chief matter over which State attorneys, preparing for the trial on March 26, appear to be concerned.

Thirty-nine counties in California will receive a share of \$291,427 as their part of the annual receipts from national forest revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927. This is according to a report by S. B. Shaw, chief of the California District, United States Forest Service. An additional 10 per cent, or \$115,139, of last year's forest receipts will also be spent by the forest service during the present fiscal year in the construction of roads and trails within these counties.

Early in 1929—probably in January—Bay and Peninsula motorists will spin over the giant spans of the world's longest bridge. Right now this dream of steel and sweat and brains is being given its "prop" from the magic workshop of the engineers. Its climax will be when the enormous structure has been flung across the seven and one-half miles that separate San Mateo from the vicinity of Hayward, and more scenic and industrial territory will have been made directly accessible to San Francisco by way of the Peninsula. To achieve it something like \$75,000,000 will have been spent.

California's enlarged highway-building program has made it necessary for the civil service commission to call for applications for highway construction, inspection and location engineers. Salaries for junior and assistant engineers range from \$170 to \$230 per month, while chainmen, rodmen, levelmen and other engineering aids receive from \$75 to \$185 per month. Additional draftsmen also are needed, and examinations will be given shortly. They are paid from \$75 to \$230 per month.

The board of regents of the University of California announced a few days ago that \$55,000 will be spent in acquiring more land for the expansion of the medical school and hospital and for altering present buildings of the college in San Francisco. Plans have been completed, the regents said, to transfer all medical equipment formerly at Berkeley, to San Francisco. Alterations will be finished before the opening of the new semester in August, the board predicted.

Indications were given a few days ago to State officials that the American Toll Bridge Company, owners of the Carquines and Antioch bridges, will oppose the plan of the Carquines Toll Bridge Company of Nevada to build another toll span across Carquines straits. Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan received a telegram from Oscar H. Klatt of San Francisco, an official of the American Toll Bridge Company, requesting him to hold up issuance of a certificate giving the Carquines company the right to do business in California.

California's oil and gas conservation program, now being put into effect at the Ventura and other oil fields, will result in immediate savings of \$5,000 to \$10,000 a day. This was the estimate a few days ago of Claude C. Brown, natural gas administrator for the State. Brown wrote the report on the condition of the oil industry on which the oil interests of California and Governor C. C. Young's committee based the conservation agreement. There will be a saving of about 95,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas a day, Brown declared "largely at the Ventura field."

Coats for Spring Simple in Style

Quiet Elegance or Sturdy, Colorful Smartness Demanded by Mode.

The new spring coat appears in the simplest form, a straight silhouette, tailored in appearance and finished with a youthful and flattering treatment of neck and wrists. It has reached a sophisticated simplicity where it depends upon the quality of its fabric and workmanship for its success.

The style this spring, advises a fashion correspondent in the New York Times, calls for one of two things, quiet elegance or sturdy, colorful smartness. The dressy type expresses the novelty of the season, in which gentle tones of gray prevail. An effort has been made during the past year to revive the vogue of gray in both autumn and winter models, but it has appeared only in individual costumes, while the beige and ecru shades have predominated. "With the names of some of the foremost stylists of Paris to conjure with, however, coats of the fabric in tones of gray are now shown in the latest models."

In the greater number the silhouette is cut to follow the line of the figure, being cut straight but without the box effect. Sleeves are after the conventional coat pattern, and the collars are of fur, fox, caracul, krimmer or badger.

The fine simplicity of design in these latest models allows the coat materials to appear to their best advantage. They are finely woven, pliable, of downy softness, and yet firm enough to provide that indispensable plumb which adapts fabrics for tailoring. The day of burdensome wraps is evidently over, for the coats of this season are light in weight, refreshing in color and yet warm enough to protect against the icy wind that blows beneath a spring-time sun.

Kasha is Prominent.

In the large assortment of new coats kasha in every variety is shown. One model of the utmost refinement is made of gray kasha merella. It has straight and slender lines, with no stitching or elaboration, and is made to fold over slightly to one side in front. It is lined with crepe satin in the same shade as the cloth and has a deep shawl collar of gray fox. Cuffs are made of the same cloth, turned back and squared. Another coat is of gray kashatula, of a slightly figured crepe satin in two shades of gray. This model has a high, voluminous collar of gray caracul in a shade that responds to the darker color in the lining.

In these kasha coats, all of which are a modernized version of camel's hair-weaves with a cashmere finish,



Showing a Charming Coat in Green and Gray Rodier Material.

there are many other models, which vary only in shade and slightly in weight. Paul Carel has designed a basket coat of gray woolen in a delicate weave in a plain, straight model. It is marked with geometric insets, like mosaics, across the back and has a plaque of tucking on each side of the front. The collar on this coat is made of caracul in a dark, almost gun-metal, shade of gray, which is particularly smart.

Those for the later months have only the collar of fur, and a number of coats are made with no fur at all. These are finished with a deep collar of self-material or are simply bound about the neck with an upstanding band of contrasting goods or braid. In some chic but simple models two colors are used, the finishing bands of the coat being made to match the lining. The latest are in gray and beige, which appear in many shades. There are steel gray, yellow gray, rose gray and "dusky gray"; and in beige, which has been considered fashionable for several seasons, a pale beige and pinky beige, which are used for dressy coats.

A welcome innovation in the new spring coats is the revival of broadcloth. This is especially handsome in the dressy daytime models, most of which are made in designs that vary the straight silhouette, and are slightly trimmed. The cape coat is shown to best advantage in broadcloth because of the firm texture of the fabric.

Revival of Broadcloth.

One of the utmost chic is made by Paton of Quaker gray broadcloth, a model reminiscent of the original Newmarket. The coat has a close-fitting silhouette with a suggestion of a flare at the bottom, and a short cape stitched in a yoke line about the shoulders. Another cape, which in length and fullness is like that of a cadet's uniform, fits closely around the neck, and the coat has a small military collar of self-material.

The cape is being received with enthusiasm by the couturiers, French and American, who are introducing it in many original and interesting designs. Louiseoulanger is going to heavily for cape coats, using the idea



An Informal Coat of Navy Velvet, With Printed Silk Facings.

for both sports and dressy models. Using a pale beige Rodier kasha, she cuts a full-length coat very full, with a straight back, and with each side of the front varied with a cluster of tucks by which it is attached to a yoke. An upstanding collar rolls into a reverse, and the sleeves are gathered into plain band cuffs. The coat is lined throughout with beige crepe de chine.

Revier, whose creations are having a vogue this season, is doing some charming things in spring coats. She also is particularly intrigued by the cape model, which she presents as part of an ensemble. In this the coat sleeves, which open with buttons and buttonholes the length of the sleeve, are made in one with the waist-length cape, which swings free across the back. Several other new coats are made with this idea of cape and bodice in one. In one of Louiseoulanger's latest a hip-length cape is made with front that fold back like lapels, straight to the bottom, and sleeves that are a loop formed by catching sections of the cape together with large buttons. A chic little cape coat of kasha is made all in one, ending in a girdle about the hips. Plaid silk is used for its lining and to face the double revers down the front.

Wrap-Around Style Prevails.

All of these coats of semi-formal type are made in the soft, wrap-around style, and they are indispensable by the prevailing mode of dress. In some of the late models fullness is emphasized, some by means of a forward movement, others by having the fronts belted and the backs hanging full. Revers, scarf collars, yokes are introduced in the coats of the dressier coats, and in some of the spring ensembles dresses and coats are of the same material.

In the more severely tailored type of coat the materials are tweed, broadcloth and certain variants of kasha. Among the novelties Rodier's kashatula is particularly adaptable for tailored coats and is shown in many models from some of the best houses. Some fetching spring coat-wraps are made of another new Rodier fabric, "aspetic," in which a thread of silk is woven.

The texture of the new materials is so even that capes are cut without lining, except to gain additional warmth, and some are left with the edge unbound. A popular weave is toile de laine in beige, which is used in a smart serviceable coat having a unique style of cape. The cape is cut hip-length, in one with the coat and with two back seams from collar to hem.

Woolens are still edging slowly back to the normal, but are likely to take another season or so to arrive at it, says a Paris fashion authority. To realize how far toward normal they have already returned, one has only to resurrect a gown of two or three seasons ago. Paris holds its fashion supremacy by accustoming the public eye gradually to changes in the silhouettes, and though it may be a grotesque silhouette, as the old fashion plates of the last thirty years show it to have been often, if it be inaugurated slowly enough it arouses no opposition.

Timepiece Hailed as Unique Among Clocks

What is said to be the most intelligent clock on earth was recently invented by Frank Fontana, a San Francisco jeweler. The unique timepiece not only tells the time in San Francisco and 23 other cities at the same time, but it also gives the moon phase, date and day. Although the entire clock is only 18 by 18 inches square it contains something like 500 separate parts, most of which are in plain view. It took the inventor seven months to build the clock.

As early as the eighteenth century it was very common practice for clocks to be equipped to tell, besides the time, the month, the day of the month, phases of the moon, etc. But for some reason the practice did not become general. Notwithstanding, the modern "prince of clocks" holds the record of all time in the number of performances.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Cheery News for Mothers

Oakland, Calif.—"I married very young and my children came very close together. During my first expectant period a friend told me of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I have had seven children—all very strong and healthy—and I took the 'Favorite Prescription' each time except the last, and that was my hardest ordeal. I never had any trouble with any of the others, always felt well, was able to do all my own work right up to the last, never suffered very long with any except the last one, and I am sure that would not have been had I taken the 'Prescription' as before."—Mrs. Benita Stronhalen, 877 26th St. All Dealers. Tablets or Liquid.

Don't Be a Poor Fish

A story is going the rounds of a man who had a fish-tank divided into two sections by a glass partition. In one side he put a lively bass; in the other a number of minnows.

Every time a minnow came up to the glass partition the bass made a strike. Then, with a bruised head, the bass got discouraged and waited patiently each day for the food dropped in from above. The man took out the partition. The minnows swam around the bass and were not touched. The bass was thoroughly sold on the idea that business was bad.

Take another lunge at the glass partition. It isn't there.—The Churchman.

Hawk Best Lineman

While working in a tower on power lines near Saugus, Calif., an electric company lineman saw a bird's nest and he shored it over with his hand. A hawk flew out and attacked the man so viciously that he fell from the tower. He was taken to a hospital with a broken leg, two fractured ribs and some bruises.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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NAVY AVIATOR GETS REVENGE ON ARMY

Outstunts Record Holder in Other Branch.

Washington.—Lieut. Alford J. Williams, navy aviator and speed record holder, has gained revenge for his branch of the service over its friendly enemy, the army.

Back in 1925, Lieut. James H. Doolittle of the army affixed pontoons to his land plane, entered the Schneider international seaplane race and flew away with first place in the record time of 222 miles an hour. Then, on May 25, 1927, he performed the unprecedented feat of turning an "outside" loop, and chalked up another mark for the army.

The honors are even now. Lieutenant Williams has not only duplicated Doolittle's feat, but created a stunt new to aerial acrobatics—an outside loop from an upside-down position. In addition to shattering an army record he used an army type land plane.

How He Did It.

At a height of 3,000 feet, the navy pilot's plane described a horizontal figure eight, 600 feet high, the first loop made on the Doolittle pattern, and the second starting after a half roll, while flying upside down.

In a normal loop the aviator puts the nose of the machine down slightly to obtain maximum speed, then, pulling back on the control stick, rises slowly at first and then more rapidly as the top of the loop is made. Just after the top is reached, he shuts off his motor and lets the machine fall through the last half of the loop, which looks like the letter "E" in profile.

The "outside" loop begins and is completed with the aviator's head on the outside instead of on the inside, as in the conventional loop. The new maneuver begins and ends with the pilot flying upside down.

In a normal loop the pilot feels he is glued to his seat. In this "outside" loop, the force seems to pull him out of the cockpit.

"Everything seemed to rush to my head," Lieutenant Williams said, "and for a moment I was blinded."

Crisis Comes at Half Circle.

The crises of both loops were reached when they were half through, he added, and there was a strong temptation to believe they had been completed. He admitted his flying senses deceived him, and he concluded he was through with the circle when, in reality he had gone but halfway around.

Wiles estimate that the centrifugal force exerts a pressure of eight to one, making it necessary for the seat of the plane to be able to support a weight of 1,200 pounds. The difficulty experienced by the pilot in maintaining his own position with reference to the controls, with the blood rushing to his head, was well known to the pilots at the naval air station at Anacostia, who witnessed Williams' flight amid gasps of amazement.

French Hoard of Gold in Secret Flooded Moat

Paris.—A fortress with a moat guards the gold of the Bank of France. Deep in the cellars of the last-built branch of the bank, in an old aristocratic palace, there is always an armed sentinel with orders to let no one but the chief director enter. The entrance to the strong room is a metal safe door seven feet thick. Inside, the gold is stored in other, supposedly burglar-proof, boxes. The moat, 65 feet deep, has a swift 10-foot flow of water in it, diverted from an underground river.

Should some master crackman reach the big steel door, he would be in a smooth steel corridor, the floor of which would disappear from under him once he began operations. Below him would be the swift stream and all about him polished steel surfaces offering no grip. What devices there are to cause this door to vanish are secret. Officials are so certain of the safety of their treasure that they are willing that burglars should know where France keeps her billions.

Smokes Way to Degree

St. Louis.—One student at Washington university here is helping to pay for his education by breathing in new pipes. He charges a nominal fee for signing the briars, and reports a lucrative business.

Law Makers Keep Eye on Weather

Washington.—Members of the house of representatives often pause while hastening to the floor for a roll call vote to find out how the weather is "back home."

Fastened to the wall in the corridor behind Speaker Longworth's room is a huge weather map, which is marked daily to indicate atmospheric conditions all over the nation. Direction of the winds is shown by arrows, the color of which indicates whether sunlight, rain or snow prevails.

This silent spokesman for the weather bureau finds an audience almost every hour of the day. Those especially interested apparently are the representatives from agricultural sections.

EXECUTIONER CAN WORK INFORMALLY

Berlin Headman May Discard Dress Coat

Berlin.—Although strong feeling against capital punishment exists in German intellectual circles, the newly projected penal code contains no abolition clause and aims merely at establishing a uniform process of execution.

The law now in force decrees that the death penalty in the reich must be inflicted by means of beheading, but in parts of Germany different methods of decapitation, based on ancient local usage, are still employed. In the Rhine province, Hanover, Hamburg, Bavaria and Saxony, a more or less modern form of the guillotine is in use, but in Mecklenburg, Anhalt, Reuss and Lippe the executioner still performs his grim office with the "sword of justice." In Prussia proper the sword was replaced about 100 years ago by the ax.

A few weeks ago, when Karl Boettcher was executed by the ax in Berlin for a double murder, a new ordinance first came into force which permitted the executioner to perform his office in a dark suit, instead of in the hitherto obligatory black swat and low-cut coat, with choker, top hat and white gloves.

Another old custom which may soon be done away with is the granting of a prisoner's last wish. There is nothing in the German penal code to establish a prisoner's right to this, but in practice it is generally granted unless it is senseless or extravagant. One prisoner asked to "learn to play the piano" before being put to death.

How ancient is the custom of letting the prisoner choose his "last meal" may be seen from the fact that, in a Breslau museum there is a medieval sword of justice with a special pocket in the scabbard for a knife for fork, which the person under sentence of death was permitted to use on the eve of execution.

Chromite Wins Place as Lining for Furnace

Washington.—Although the United States uses great quantities of magnesite, which makes an excellent furnace lining but otherwise is practically useless, its price has gone so high in recent years that chromite is being imported from South Africa, India and New Caledonia as a substitute.

The imported ore contains chromium, the metal which renders steel rust-proof when used as an alloy and provides an extremely hard wearing surface for moving parts in machinery when applied as plating. Just why a hard surface has not been determined, but some experts are inclined to believe that the chemical action of the plating process serves to deposit it from solution as a hydride.

While tests have shown magnesite to be superior for lining steel furnaces, the degree of difference is slight and the economic reasons provide the only apparent explanation for the use of chromite. The price of magnesite, which is mined near Colville, Wash., and in California, has advanced since 1913 from less than \$17 a ton to more than \$30. In the meantime, the cost of chromite, having declined from high war prices, is now \$22 to \$24 a ton, as compared with about \$15 before the war.

Goats, Sheep and Dogs Live in Famous Tree

West Conshohocken, Pa.—Pennsylvania's oldest and very probably its largest sycamore tree, a patriarch of the forest which once sheltered Gen. Nathaniel Greene of Revolutionary war fame and his men, has become the abode of beasts of the field.

Towering 105 feet high, according to the measurements of E. F. Brown, forester for the Valley Forge district, the huge tree is 30 feet 8 inches in circumference at a point one foot above the ground.

A circle of shade 117 feet in diameter is cast by the tree. The lowest branches of this huge tree, many of which are the size of an ordinary tree trunk, are 16 feet above ground.

The interior of the lower part of the tree is hollow, rotted away by the weather of more than a century and a half. In this huge hollow, as large as some rooms, a family of goats, dogs and sheep make their home.

Find "Eyes of the Air"

Washington.—The coast guard is finding its "eyes of the air" a squadron of five airplanes, stationed along the Atlantic coast, valuable in its work of life saving and of chasing rum vessels.

The planes flew thousands of miles last year without an accident and probably viewed half a million miles of sea area. Lieut. Commander Stephen S. Yeandle of the service told a house committee recently. Some day the planes will be used to carry lines to shipwrecked vessels to rescue people, he declared, in telling of expert mental efforts being carried on by the aircraft in this work.

Locating bodies of persons lost in wrecks, discovery of derelict vessels and floating obstructions and carrying doctors and medical relief to isolated islands are some of the outstanding duties of the flying coast guardmen, Commander Yeandle said.

GIBRALTAR STRAIT BALKS SWIMMERS

Channel Conquerors Find Going Too Rough.

Washington.—The channel swimming fad has struck a snag—at Gibraltar.

The English channel and the Catalina channel, off California, have been traversed, and Manhattan island has been "circumnavigated." Yet the Strait of Gibraltar, less than a dozen miles across, has defied swimmers.

Gibraltar, contrary to popular belief, is not Europe's nearest point to Africa, the National Geographic society points out. It is eight miles north of the nearest crossing. The fortified rock and town occupy a peninsula about six miles across the Bay of Algebras from the neck of land on whose tip nestles the sleepy town of Tarifa.

Tunnel Is Proposed.

Frequent ferries ply between Gibraltar and Tangier, diagonally across the strait. They will continue to link the continents until a tunnel is bored under the strait. One has been proposed and the estimated cost of such a project is some \$600,000. Such a tunnel would afford Spanish rail-road connections with the new line from Fez to Tangier. One then might, in sleeping cars, reverse the crossing that Hannibal made with elephants.

Travelers who complain of the English channel crossing would have even rougher going on the French steamers between southern France and Tangier. An entering surface current from the Atlantic chafes against a strong undercurrent flowing out from the Mediterranean, to the discomfort of passengers and defeat, so far, of swimmers.

From Gibraltar, on clear days, one can see Sierra Buñones, the "Gibraltar" of the African side. These promontories were the pillars of Hercules of the ancients.

A ferry passenger at Gibraltar soon gets a clear view of the 400-foot rock which for two centuries, has been England's Mediterranean sentinel. Across the gulf the tiny white houses of Algebras dot the shore. Then, as the boat swings out into the strait, ruined Moorish castles and the houses of Tarifa, flanked by vast orange groves, appear. To the south rise African peaks where Barbary pirates signaled for attacks upon ships as they sought to enter or emerge from the Mediterranean.

World's Ships Pass Here.

The ferry is a good place to get a panorama of the flags of the world; for there is a procession of ships constantly passing this "neck of the bottle" which focuses the shipping of the Western world, of the inland seas' own busy ports and the numerous trans-Mediterranean cargoes which pass both the strait and the Suez canal.

Tangier, southern landing place for the ferry, reveals a new world after a brief trip. Lofly minarets flank huge domed mosques, silently proclaiming that the city still is Moslem, while its narrow streets, often sheltered so that the blazing sun finds only a slit, are crowded with turbaned Moors whose long, white burnouses drape their stalwart bodies from head to heel.

Semaphore With "Ears" Success for Autoists

Baltimore, Md.—A traffic semaphore, with "ears" has been pronounced a success by Inspector George E. Lutz, head of the city's traffic police, after a test in actual traffic recently.

Installed at the corner of Falls road and Belvedere avenue, the signal in normal position shows a green light to traffic on Fall road, a through highway. A motorist wishing to cross the main highway stops at a line in the road ten feet from the intersection and sounds his horn. Microphones tuned to pick up the sound from this spot reverse the signal for 18 seconds to allow him to pass.

The purpose is to avoid the delays caused by automatic lights at times when there is no traffic on a cross street. The new signal was invented by Charles Adler, Jr., a Baltimore electrical engineer.

Bans Heroic Records on Soldiers' Graves

Washington.—Headstones marking the graves of members of the American expeditionary force who died in France, Secretary Davis of the War department has ruled, shall be marked in such a manner as to accord equal honor to all. Suggestions for including such inscriptions as "killed in action" or "died of wounds" have been rejected by the secretary and all headstones will bear only the name, rank, organization and date of death.

The thought must not be overlooked, the secretary said in his ruling, "that all of our men went overseas with the same cause in their hearts, willing to give their lives. Whether they died in the front lines or from disease, caused by exposure, they made the sacrifice for the preservation of our and the same ideal and should be accorded equal honor."

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History in Legends

An Indian chief has declared to his secretaries a history of his tribe from the creation of the world as it is related in legends.

Erlend Nordenskiöld, the Swedish explorer, who has just returned from Panama, has brought back a copy of the history, which he regards as one of the tropics of his expedition.

His special interest was the Cuna tribe of the Atlantic coast. They are people of good intelligence and culture who cling to their old traditions. The chief who dictated the history employs two secretaries, one familiar with English, the other with Spanish.

Catches Speech Flaws

Correct enunciation is soon learned with the aid of the telegraphone, a new device used in public speaking classes at the University of Southern California to enable students to hear themselves talk. Popular Science Monthly reports. Like a dictaphone, it records and reproduces the voice, but the record is so perfected that when it is played over it reveals any imperfections of speech such as indistinct tone or lapsing.

Vallancy is never boastful.

Life's Vicissitudes

Mrs. Emily Glazier recently died in the Emily Glazier Home for Aged Methodist Women at Pontiac, Mich., which was founded years ago with wealth inherited from her banker husband. Her son's financial difficulties swept this wealth away and she died in one of the rooms she had furnished soon after she had given the land for the home and advanced \$10,000 for its erection.

Lucky Shot May Be Costly

While hunting near Clearfield, Pa., William McMullen killed two deer, with one bullet. A big buck got within range and he fired, the bullet going through the buck's head, killing it instantly, and then hit a doe which was hurrying by. The game warden is trying to decide whether Mr. McMullen must pay two fines, one for killing two deer in one season and the other for killing a doe.

Extremely Tight

"And J. Hawk McNoodle is a tight one, says you?"
"Tight? That fellow wouldn't give a beggar a bite if he owned the Sandwich Islands."—Judge.

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